

FOR PORTO RICO

Report of the Insular Commission.

Submit for Adoption a Code of Laws to Replace the Present Military Regime.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30.—The Insular Commission, consisting of General Kennedy, Judge Curtis and Major Watkins, which has given six months' study to the conditions of Porto Rico, today made its report to Secretary Root. It recommends a form of civil government for the islands, to take the place of the present military regime, and submits for adoption a code of laws.

These laws, it recommends, should be placed in operation by the executive decree, arguing that a Congressional enactment of general laws would change the status of the island toward the United States and make it part of the constitutional territory of the United States. The code of laws and the civil government proposed do not give to Porto Ricans the elective franchise for any offices not extend to them the privilege of trial by jury except in cases of felonies or civil cases involving an amount in excess of \$500. It recommends that the military force remain in the island, but be kept in the background and touch the people only with a soft hand. English is to be made the official language of the island, but for the present all except the Federal courts are to be conducted in Spanish.

The code obliterates all Spanish law and royal decrees and all systems of procedure and substitutes the provisions of the code modified after the laws of the States of the United States and declares the common law and principles of equity to be in future the law of the land where no specific direction is found in the code.

In place of the Spanish system of courts an American system is provided; a supreme court, a district court and a probate, with limited civil and criminal jurisdiction, and justices of the peace and police courts in the cities; also a federal court to have exclusive jurisdiction of all federal questions and concurrent jurisdiction in civil and criminal matters.

There are to be five supreme judges, three of whom are to be American and two natives.

A complete civil, county, township and city government is to be provided, and all officials of the civil administration are to be natives, the higher officers to be appointed by the President, the others by the Governor General and the County Commissioners.

A public school system with provision for a superintendent and Board of Public Instruction and a complete system of public schools, conducted in English by American teachers, is provided and also night schools for illiterate adults. The right to teach Spanish where demanded is given.

Full general corporation and railroad laws with the right of eminent domain are provided, thus opening the island to competition and ending the system of franchises to favored corporations.

All taxes which bear heavily on the poor and all double taxes on non-residents are abrogated. A marriage law is provided like those in the States, with a plan for legalizing consent marriage and legitimizing children, one-half of whom on the island were born out of wedlock.

The commission recommends that the proposed code be put into effect at once by the President without waiting for Congress to legislate on the question, saying that the people of the island are in distress and are still being oppressed by the old Spanish laws and customs; leaving for Congress the question of such after-legislation as may be deemed best.

The commission states that the Porto Ricans have lost their markets in Spain for their coffee by reason of increased duties and the industry is now languishing for want of an immediate market for their productions; that many of the people are dependent upon this industry for employment and subsistence and that there must be distress until the coffee raisers and coffee-handlers can build up a trade with the United States, and it recommends that the Government of the United States purchase the coffee for our army and navy in Porto Rico.

As to franchises the laws submitted do away with all necessity for the sale of franchises or special grants therefor by permitting any persons to incorporate under the general incorporation law and extending the right of eminent domain to all quasi-public corporations.

There ought, in the opinion of the commission, to be a general revision of the tariff rates on articles imported by the island from the United States and reductions made on articles of prime necessity and total release on some articles. This new revision, it is argued, should be made at once and put in force. Following this it is suggested that Congress grant authority to the President to arrange a schedule of reciprocal tariff duties in Porto Rico. The commission lays stress on the need of civil reform in the island and says:

All the complications growing out of the currency in Porto Rico cannot be remedied until Congress shall place a sufficient fund in the hands of the President, in the shape of silver certificates or treasury notes, all legal tender for their face value, to enable him to take up all the Porto Rican silver and authorize him to have it re-minted

into American silver dollars or certificates to replace those used in the purchase or taking up of the Porto Rican silver, the difference between the bullion value and the sixty cents paid for them being charged to the island and, when practicable, to be converted into United States Treasury reserves. This needs authorization of Congress and such authority to be asked for and its necessity pointed out.

ITALY TO SEND MORE SHIPS. PEKING, Aug. 31.—Owing to the spirit of opposition and evasion shown by the Chinese Foreign Office in the negotiations now progressing between China and Italy, the Italian squadron in Chinese waters will be immediately re-enforced by two torpedo-boat destroyers.

REMEMBERED GOOD OLD DAYS. Podsnap (meeting elderly person)—By Jove! Is it possible? My old school-teacher. By the way, do you remember that you said when I was in your class that I'd die on the gallows? Elderly Person—Well, you're not dead yet.

OUR MAUI LETTER

The Kahikinui Ranch is Reported Sold.

The Barkentine Gleaner Loses Her Foremast While on the Equator—Other Happenings.

MAUI, Sept. 9, 1899.—It is reported that Gear, Lansing & Co. of Honolulu have recently purchased Kahikinui ranch of A. Enos & Co. of Waikuku, for \$100,000. This deal includes several thousand acres in fee simple between Kanao and Kahikinui, the lease from the Government for the Kahikinui lands (several thousand acres more) and 4000 head of cattle. The last mentioned were sold at \$12 a head, making a total of \$48,000, for the cattle alone. It is stated that the Government receives about \$3000 annual rental for their lands and that the lease has only one year more to run. Maui kamaainas think favorably of the transaction, for Kahikinui is famous for raising the fattest cattle on the islands, and A. Enos & Co. have made a large fortune since they first leased the Government lands. Not only that but the price of beef is constantly rising on Maui and will continue to do so for some time inasmuch as the other island ranches have but few cattle ready for market.

The barkentine Gleaner which left Kahului on the 7th, when crossing the equator on her way to Maui from Iquique, Chili, broke her fore-mast and was obliged to continue her voyage with a jury-mast. At the time of the accident she was in the doldrums and the rolling during the calm snapped the mast. She sailed to Gray's Harbor with the same jury mast.

On the 18th, the native residents of upper Makawao will come together and clean out the mud, gravel and other debris from Alelele water-hole. Hundreds of cattle and horses are driven daily to the pool which for many years has been a public convenience.

Laurie Crook is managing Ulupala-kua ranch pending the settlement of the Dowsett estate.

Thos. G. Forsyth, ex-postmaster of Lahaina, has secured the light wine and beer license for Kula. He will keep shop at Pulehuiki.

The September meeting of the Makawao Literary Society will take place on the evening of the 14th at the residence of F. W. Hardy, Makawao. It is to be noted that the society have permanently changed the evening for assembling from Friday to Thursday.

Kahului—Cleared Sept. 9th, the brigantine Geneva, Captain Andrew Aas, for Tacoma, in ballast.

Kahului—Sailed Sept. 7th, the barkentine Gleaner, Sprague master, for Gray's Harbor, in ballast.

Weather: Very warm and very dry.

IN TWO MINUTES FLAT.

HARTFORD (Conn.), Aug. 31.—The feature of the day at Charter Oak Park was Star Pointer's great mile, which was in two minutes flat, without slip or break, breaking the track record made by the same horse last season, 2:06 1/2. Dave McClary drove Pointer and he was aided by two running horses, one going to the half and both coming down the stretch on either side of the pacer. The time by quarters was 9:30, 1:00, 1:30 1/2, 2:00.

FEVER AT NEW ORLEANS.

NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 1.—An autopsy held today on the body of young Udolph, who died yesterday, revealed the fact that death was caused by yellow fever. The case was reported to the authorities four days ago, but Dr. Murphy of the Marine Hospital Service did not know that the case was one of yellow fever.

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SHORT OF BEETS

California Beet Raisers Alarmed.

Plant Destroyer Has Appeared in Salinas Valley and Other Sections—Much Damage Done.

OAKLAND, Aug. 31.—The beet-raisers throughout the State are alarmed lest the new disease that has developed in the sugar-raising sections seriously injure the chances for a big yield. The trouble, so far, has been most serious in the Salinas valley section, but recent reports from Alvarado and Pleasanton, in this county, are to the effect that the plant destroyer has appeared in that neighborhood, and unless something is done to check it immediately much damage will be done to growing crops.

Little or nothing has been said in print about the matter, but very serious apprehensions have been entertained for more than a month past. In the large beet plantation near Salinas it was noticed that the leaves of the beets were curling up and the beets themselves were not maturing as they should. The proprietors of the factories at Salinas and Watsonville sent down Mr. Koebele and other entomological experts, supposing that the trouble originated with an insect pest and that it might be discovered and its work counteracted.

Mr. Koebele and the rest were not able to discover any insect, and reported that the trouble was probably due to unfavorable climatic conditions. It is understood that most of the beets in that region are affected in various degrees, and that a tract of about 2,000 acres, which would have yielded some 25,000 tons of beets, has become a total failure.

The serious question, which cannot be fully answered until the beet factories commence the year's run, is whether the new disease of the beets, whatever it may be, will prevent the beets from yielding the usual amount of sugar, or will impede the operation of extraction. Last year there were troubles with the beets which were rather serious, but they were of a different kind; then the juice contained elements which caused it to assume a gelatinous condition and interfered with the success of the diffusion process.

John L. Howard, who is the president of the Alvarado company, as well as of the Union Sugar Company, which has its large new plant at Betteravia, in the Santa Maria valley, Santa Barbara county, has undertaken to ascertain the character and probable effects of the new disease. He has engaged Professor Rising of the State University, Professor Elsen, who is a noted microscopist, and Professor Harkness of the Academy of Scientists to make analyses of the beets and discover, if possible, what the trouble is. When the beets which have been affected are cross-sectioned the rings appear to be full of small dark spots. This is observed in some of the beet ground at Pleasanton, and they will be among the first tested by the scientific gentlemen referred to.

The Alvarado Sugar Factory will probably begin its year's run a week from next Monday. The probable crop of beets is 40,000 tons, which will not be sufficient to justify running the whole factory; probably only one-half of the machinery will be run this year. All the other beet factories in the State will be more or less short of beets during the present year.

ELOISE TENNEY SMITH.

Died in San Francisco on the Thirty-first of August.

Eloise Tenney Smith, daughter of the late Judge Hitchcock of Hilo, passed to the other world on August 31, 1899, at the residence of her mother-in-law, 719 Castro street, San Francisco. Mrs. Smith was the wife of Frank Tallant Smith, well known in the Islands. She was 26 years of age. Mrs. Smith has suffered long from a chronic affection of the throat which developed into consumption. At the time of her death she was en route to Honolulu from Colorado, where she had gone to regain her strength. Mrs. Smith spent most of her life in the Hawaiian Islands where her mother lived. She was of a genial, happy disposition which colored all her sufferings. Death came early in a career rich with promise, but she was not afraid to die. She looked upon death as that which would disclose to her a better life. She passed away with the consolations of an unshaken faith in the goodness of God, and in the immortality of the soul.

The funeral took place on Saturday, September 2, when her body was placed in a receiving vault at beautiful Cypress Lawn cemetery, San Francisco.

JEFFRIES-SHARKEY BATTLE.

NEW YORK, Sept. 1.—Jim Jeffries of California and Tom Sharkey of Dundalk, Ireland, will fight for the heavy-weight championship of the world at the Coney Island Club on September 23d. This was decided today at a meeting of the managers of the pugilists.

Only two bids were received for the

contest, and the managers of the club-house by the sea giving the better inducements, secured the bout. The Coney Island Club offered 66 2-3 per cent. of the gate receipts, with a guarantee of \$30,000 and deposited a certified check for \$2500 as a forfeit.

BUTLER BREAKS A RECORD.

CHICAGO, Sept. 1.—Tom Butler of Boston defeated Frank Starbuck of Philadelphia tonight at Ravenswood by more than two laps in a fifteen-mile motor-paced contest. Butler's time was 26:15. The first five miles of the race were made in 8:45, which breaks an American record for the distance.

In a five-mile exhibition, paced by a motor, Jimmy Bowler of Chicago lowered the American record from 8:54 to 8:50 2-5.

TAUSSIG REMOVED.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 1.—Edward D. Taussig has been relieved of the command of the gunboat Bennington by order of Admiral Watson, and ordered home from Manila. He is said to have differed with the Admiral as to the management of the fleet, and his criticisms led to the action above noted.

A WAIKIKI LUAU

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Captain and Mrs. Gartenberg gave a luau on Saturday evening, to many friends, at their residence in Waikiki. The house was tastefully decorated with palms, ferns and other plants. From the centre of the dining room, at the ceiling hung a large cluster of dates and the yellow fruit was set off by a back ground of the date palm leaves. The luau, within which the luau was served, was constructed of many flags, which drooped over the tables. Among these wreaths and Japanese lanterns were entwined. The luau stood within a few feet of the beach, so that the effect of waves breaking upon it, and the moonlight presented a brilliant picture.

The luau was arranged by Thos. C. McGuire and wife, and among the dishes served were the following: Puaa kalua (pig roasted in the ground), puaa hoolua (pig roasted in the ground during the previous twenty-four hours), moa lauau (chicken roasted in leaves), P'a hawahu (fish cooked in leaves), P'a maka (raw fish), hee (raw squid), wana (sea-eggs), papai (crabs), alamihii (black crabs), opihii (yellow native oysters), opae (shrimps), limu kolu (sea weed), Iramona (kukui nuts ground with chili peppers), kailolo (shrimps and coconut), haupia (native starch with coconut), koelepalau (sweet potatoes and coconuts), Ki (ti root), okolehao.

Music was furnished by a glee club and dancing followed the luau.

Some of the guests who were present were: Col. and Mrs. Mills, Capt. and Mrs. Slaker, Lieut. and Mrs. Ketcham, Minister and Mrs. Mott-Smith, Mr. and Mrs. S.G. Wilder, Mr. and Mrs. Woods, Mr. and Mrs. Wichman, Dr. and Mrs. Myers, Dr. and Mrs. Howard, Miss Paris, Mr. and Mrs. W. Harper, Mr. and Mrs. W. Graham, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Boyd, Mr. and Mrs. F. Hustace, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Neumann, Miss Elsie Robinson, Miss M. Robinson, Miss Moesman, Miss Boyd, Miss Fatty, Miss Ladd, Mrs. Geo. Beckley, Miss M. Harper, Miss Smith, Miss Barthrop, Miss Baber, Mrs. Sawyer, Miss Kelly, Miss Damon, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wedemann, Miss Wall, Miss M. Damon, Mr. Frank Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Judd, Mr. and Mrs. Mackintosh, Dr. and Mrs. Cooper, Mr. Tarn McGrew, Mr. and Mrs. Brown, Miss K. Kelly, Miss McInerney, Miss McIntyre, Mrs. F. M. Green, Mrs. Fisher, Mr. E. Ross, Mr. Sloggett, Mr. McIntyre, Mr. Kanape, Mr. Barthrop, Mr. Harry Whitney, Mr. Kluegel, Mr. Mills, Col. Jones, Lieut. Smith, Mr. F. Wall, Mr. A. Wall, Mr. A. Louissou, Mr. Danford.

STRIKE RIOTS AT WARSAW.

BERLIN, Aug. 31.—The strikers in Warsaw have demolished considerable factory machinery and attempted to destroy buildings in several places. Cossacks were called out and six hundred arrests have been made. Owing to the strict Russian censorship it is impossible to send telegrams from Warsaw referring to the trouble. The strike involves eight hundred persons, and originated with a demand of the iron-workers for a 9-hour day.

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